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## **Statement By the U.S. Central Command Commander on Navy Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Keating**

TAMPA, Fla. – Gen. Joseph L. Votel, U.S. Central Command commander, released the following statement today:

“We mourn the loss of one of our own, Navy Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Charles H. Keating IV, who was killed yesterday in northern Iraq. Petty Officer Keating was advising and assisting our Kurdish partners, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.”

“Keating’s honorable and selfless service was in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and certainly will not be forgotten as we continue to put pressure on and ultimately eliminate the terrorists associated with ISIL. On behalf of the men and women of U.S. Central Command, I extend my personal gratitude and our deepest condolences to his family, friends and fellow service members.”

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